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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments in the Specification

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 4, line 36 of the Specification that begins with “To achieve the abovementioned object, . . .” with the following paragraph:

To achieve the above-mentioned object, the invention is characterized in that the at least one driving member spans at least half the width of the at least one slot.

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